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For : TIRES FOR HEAVY LOADS AND USE OF A RUBBER  
COMPOSITION TO DELAY IRREGULAR WEAR ON  
THESE TIRES

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application. A copy of the reference is enclosed. This reference corresponds to FR 2,765,882, which was cited in the Search Report for FR 00/01513.

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